

THE POST BOY PASSES.

His Picture not Upon the New Special Delivery Stamp.

The historic post boy passed into history with the arrival of a new assortment of special delivery stamps, which bear designs minus the mythical youth on a bicycle. Post boys themselves were abolished from the service about two years ago, but the design of the boy riding a wheel was retained on the special delivery stamps. The new stamps are smaller than the old ones and are scarcely bigger than the new fifteen cent issues.

Since the beginning of the postal system there has been a place in its heart for the post boy. It was the post boy of our grandmothers and grandfathers who delivered the mail at all times of the year, and whose picture adorned the early issues of stamps. Through softness of heart the Government at Washington allowed his figure to be kept on the special delivery stamps, but now he has to go. The early stamps pictured him riding at breakneck speed on a horse, the later ones put him on a railroad train or swift cart, then he ran on foot for a while, and then he was given a bicycle.

When it came time for the new stamps the officials were confronted with the problem of a boyless mail service. All the post office clerks are men more than twenty years old, and even the substitutes who stay in the office during the summer have to pass civil service examinations. The boy has no place in the modern post office, although his elimination has been completed only within the last few years.

The new stamp is much different from the old. It is much more conspicuous, being green in color, with glaring edges that catch the eye. Since the 6-cent was issued in Washington long ago with the necessity of purchasing special delivery stamps there has been a total falling off of about 2,000,000 special delivery stamps. It is advised by officials at the office that special delivery stamps be used on letters instead of using the ordinary ones as they quickly catch the eye of the men handling them and are sure of being recognized.

A CYCLONE FREAK.

Surprising Trick Played by a Twister in Nebraska.

New York City.—On June 4 last the inhabitants of Buffalo county, Nebraska, and particularly of the town of Kearney, were besieged by no less than seven tornadoes. We are indebted to Edward C. Bricker for the accompanying photograph of one of



CASTER DRIVEN THROUGH TREE LIMB.

the curious effects produced by one of these, and for the following brief information, says Scientific American.

A number of houses should have been wholly and in part destroyed is naturally to be expected of any cyclone that is at all violent. But that it should pick up a caster from a table, twist off the handle and drive the spindle through the branch of a walnut tree is surely no common occurrence. Mr. Bricker assures us that before the storm the caster found a place on the table of Mr. G. P. Franks, that it was intact with the bottles in their intended positions; yet after the tornado the base was found in a walnut tree limb, exactly as it is shown in the accompanying photograph. The wind had unscrewed the top and taken off the turntable. One of the bottles was found with twigs densely packed into its neck, without a leaf stripped. The bottle, however, was broken.

Tent Stove-pipe Opening.

If a stove is used in a tent there must be an opening for the stove pipe, and this should be lined with something which will not burn. An ordinary piece of tin sewed into a hole in the roof answers every purpose, except that on a windy day it is very noisy. For my last camping trip I made an arrangement which proved satisfactory. It can be duplicated as follows: First get the material, a piece of zinc 12x14 inches, a piece of asbestos cord two feet long, and a pair of leather shoe laces. In the center of the zinc cut an oval opening, 4 1/2 x 6 inches, and around it one-half inch from it, and three-fourths of an inch apart, punch a row of holes large enough to admit the asbestos cord. Next lace the cord through a hole over the edge of the zinc and through the next, and so on all the way around. This brings the cord against the pipe, making it noiseless, and being of asbestos, it will not burn. Now sew the zinc to the tent with the leather shoe laces, having the canvas over the zinc at the upper side and underneath the rest of the way. This makes it watertight.—Wm. D. White.

POULTRY

FEED FOR POULTRY

Action Which Will Prove the Best Egg Producer.

We are inclined to place corn at the head of the list of grains, but to feed all corn, unless the flock has unlimited range and feeds but little grain of any kind would cause egg production to cease in a short time. Corn and plenty of green feed and a range of rice in meadows, make a first class egg food for where the hens are shut up. Corn should not make more than one-third the grain feed. The remainder should be made up of wheat, oats and bran in about equal proportions, and most of the corn that is fed during the year should be given during the six cold months.

Just a diet of grain alone will not stimulate egg production, declares the Kansas Farmer. With it must be given other feeds, such as milk, meat scraps, crushed bone, green cut bone, if it is to be had, ground shells and plenty of green feed in the shape of grass and other green stuff in the summer. Raw chopped vegetables in the winter.

It is impossible to say how this feed should be fed. Give a little of each kind often, and it will be found pretty soon to feed the hens so much that they will get overfat. With all the talk about overfeeding hens one fact has been impressed upon us. It is impossible to get a hen fat when she is laying regularly. This applies to all the non-sitting breeds and to the American class. It would probably apply to the Langshans also. The weight of evidence indicates that lack of variety is the principal cause of overproduction of eggs in any flock.

Poultry Pointers

For a decided case of cholera, a strong solution of hypochlorite of soda given three times a day in teaspoonful doses is a standard remedy. Given in white it will be found best to change the materials in the nest occasionally in order to keep them from becoming too foul.

Always keep young poultry out of wet grass and never allow them to run at large when the weather is cold enough to thoroughly chill them.

How often have we heard it said "Let the old rooster die." Do we say "Let the old rooster go?" An old long spurred rooster with decreased vitality had better meet the meat axe; it will pay in the end.

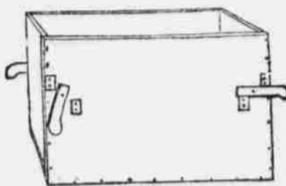
If a town breeder, and a little lot no bigger than a half-grown turnip patch, can raise pure bred fowls, what could be done on a farm where feed is plentiful and the chickens have all out-of-doors in which to range? The trouble isn't with the fowls.

What Are You Feeding For?

Feeding fowls for eggs is not like feeding fowls for market. Eggs are complete in the element that supply all the requisites for growth, as is clearly proven by the application of a certain length of time, when a chick comes forth as proof that these essential elements were present. This is a fact that should not be overlooked, for it teaches that fowls who can lay eggs must have food that contains appropriate elements to produce eggs. Good health, early molting, age, breed, appetite, cleanliness, are factors to be considered in winter egg production.

A HANDY HANDLE.

Used on Coops It Permits Their Being Placed Close Together. This illustration shows a handle which permits of placing a number of boxes, poultry coops, or other removable articles, so provided, close to-



HANDLE BEFORE AND AFTER.

gether. It consists, as will be seen, of a pivot handle which drops of its own weight when the box or coop is set down, and which, when the box is to be lifted, will remain firm between the two checks, as shown to the right.

Fresh Air for Fowls.

It is safe to remember that nature intended fowls to roost out in the open air and that they never do well when housed in tight buildings where the air soon becomes laden with impurities. A poultry house must not let in drafts but must be well ventilated.

Keep Lice the Fight.

Lice are not so noticeable in cold weather. Perhaps they do not breed as rapidly but their bite is just as sharp. Do not think there are no lice in the poultry house just because the weather is cold but keep fighting them just the same.

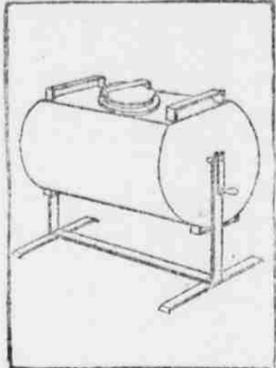
A Blind Policy.

The breeding of pure bred stock of any kind is regarded by many people as simply a hobby. Some people say a mongrel hen is good enough for them. It may be but they are certainly blind to their best interests.

TO WASH VEGETABLES.

Placed in a Cylinder and Cleaned as Latter Revolves.

How often people are heard to say that they do not eat this or that in hotels and restaurants because they do not know if it has been cleaned properly. In the old days, when the process of properly cleaning this objection was a fair one, but now it has less ground for existence. With the advent of the numerous time and labor saving devices, the food is just as clean in first-class restaurants and hotels as it is at home, and one of the inventions that have brought about this improvement is the vegetable washer devised by a New Hampshire man. In appearance the vegetable washer looks very much like the paper stands seen on store counters. It comprises a stand on which a hollow cylinder rests upon an axis. The cylinder has an opening on one side and a screw top for the opening. The whole is water-tight. The vegetables



are placed in the receptacle, which is filled with water, the top screwed on and the cylinder revolved by means of a handle.

Quaint Old-Time Custom.

Custom decrees that a gold coin, or at the very least, silver, shall be put under the mainmast of each new ship launched. The coin bears the date of the year when the vessel is completed, a fact well known to collectors, who keep an eye on ships that are likely to be the depository of numismatic prizes, says Pearson's Weekly.

Thus, at Liverpool some years back, a derelict Yankee schooner, bought for a song, yielded an 1894 dollar, the rarest and most eagerly sought after of all American coins. It sold readily for \$8,000, and would be worth to-day at least double that sum, for it was in perfect preservation, having rested in its cotton wool pad beneath the hollow "stepping" of the mast since the day it was first placed in position.

Its recovery was the result of foresight and business enterprise, combined, of course, with special knowledge. A man passing the worthless hulk on the day of the sale noticed the date, 1894, on her stern and rightly guessed that she might be the bearer of a dollar of that year.

In the same way have been preserved and recovered many of the ancient silver Scottish pennies known as dots which were so thin that twelve of them were barely equal in value to the penny sterling. The old Scottish shipbuilders of the days when these coins were in circulation used, with characteristic national thriftiness, to put one of them beneath each mast they "stepped," in preference to the more valuable kroat.

Guests at This Hotel Do Not Pay.

Essen, Germany, has a hotel—a first-class hotel—at which the principal guests never have to pay for their accommodations. It is owned by Frau Bertha Krupp, the richest woman in Germany, and owner of the great Krupp works, at Essen. She runs it at a loss of more than \$100,000 a year. This hotel was built by Frau Krupp for the entertainment of the representatives of foreign Governments who visit Essen for the purpose of purchasing war material or who stay at Essen to superintend the execution of orders.

Embassies from the Emperors of Japan and Russia, from the Kings of Roumania, Bulgaria, Spain, Norway and Sweden, as well as from the Presidents of the Central and South American republics, have been entertained at the Krupp hotel for months at a time in the most princely style. Ordinary travellers sometimes can find accommodations at the Krupp hotel, but only when the rooms are not required for Frau Krupp's foreign official guests.

International Manners.

A German lady, we perceive, has started a school wherein the art of eating is taught. Not the art of acquiring food, but the art of dealing with it when it is on the table. An international school of table manners would do as much as The Hague Conference to reconcile animosities. There is really nothing, for example, in which we could not agree with the American if he would only come over to the British notion of eating an egg. Possibly the Rhodes scholars will think the matter out at Oxford.—Westminster Gazette.

Sitting in the Shadow.

One evening when Luther saw a little bird perched on a tree root for the night, he said: "This little bird has had his supper, and now it is getting ready to go to sleep here, quite secure and content, never troubling itself what its food will be, or where its lodging on the morrow. Like David, it 'abides under the shadow of the Almighty.' It sits on its little twig content, and lets God take care."

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

March 15th, 1910.

(Copyright, 1910, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.) Two Mighty Works, Matt. VIII:23-24. Golden Text—What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him. Matt. VIII:27.

Verses 23-24—What is your idea as to whether Jesus was liable to the same natural difficulties and diseases as we are, such as weariness, headache, seasickness, etc., and did he have to battle against wind and tide?

As Jesus gave orders for this voyage (v:18) could it result disastrous—either to the ship or the passengers—and is there, or not, any sort of danger in the work to which God direct's us?

Why are difficulties, such as wind and waves, and other opposing forces permitted in the lives of all true and good men?

Verses 25-26—Why could Jesus sleep in the midst of such a storm and with his disciples in such distress of mind?

Why were the fears of the disciples foolish and unfounded?

What reasons are there, for or against the idea, that the ship could not possibly sink with Jesus on board?

Did these disciples do well to rebuke Jesus (See Mark iv:35) for what was one of the greatest blessings of their lives, and is this a mistake, if not a sin, of frequent occurrence?

Is there any reason to think that it would have been better if they had not awakened Jesus, and if their prayer had never been made?

When we pray to God to chance an experience or to alter circumstances, how has he planned for our help, how would you characterize such a prayer?

Verses 27—Why did Jesus perform this miracle?

By what power was this great miracle performed?

Which would be of the greater benefit to mankind for God to run the universe, and the affairs of men, on fixed laws or by miracles?

Verses 28—What are the chief characteristics of the Devil, as illustrated by these two, who were possessed with devils?

Can you give examples of any to-day possessed with devils, or which show similar moral characteristics as these two?

Verses 29—How did these devils probably know Jesus?

How much virtue is there in mere orthodoxy or in a proper intellectual estimate of Jesus? (See Jas. II:13.)

If bad men know they are on the road to "torment," how do you account for the fact that they keep right on the same road?

On any view of the future life, what escape is there from the result of moral law? viz., that right doing produces happiness, wrong doing produces misery, that actions form habits, that in turn form character, which produces eternal destiny? (This question may have to be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 30-32—According to the Jewish law, how were the keepers and eaters of swine's flesh regarded?

Why did Jesus permit the devils to enter this herd of swine?

Give some examples of how God in all ages has used the Devil to accomplish his purposes, and say why he does so.

What was the object of these devils in wanting to enter these swine?

Why is it that bad men and devils take a delight in causing loss and pain, and that they are really "tormented" when they are restrained from doing evil?

Are there any to-day possessed with devils that Jesus cannot cast out? Why or why not?

Verses 33-34—What action do bad men take to-day, when their unholy business is being overtaken by men of God?

Lesson for Sunday, March 20th, 1910. A Paralytic Forgiven and Healed. Matt. IX:1-13.

What He Won.

When the result of the Derby reached a Yorkshire mining village one of the colliers remarked to his mate:

"Oh've made a nice little dinner out of that race, an' by sheer luck, too. Ah chalked all t' names of t' horses on a revolving target, an' took it into a field an' got my owd woman to shoot an arrow at it while it wor spinning."

"An' it stuck into Minou, did it?" queried his friend.

"No, it didn't. It stuck a fine fat duck that wor waddling along at t' side o' t' field, an' we had it for dinner to-day w' sage an' onions," concluded the collier.—Tit-Bits.

The Lisbon Earthquake.

The Lisbon earthquake of 1755 is clearly entitled to rank among the appalling disasters of history. As to the destructiveness in comparison with the recent calamity in Sicily, it may be said that in the Lisbon earthquake there perished about 65,000 people. The life loss from the Messina disaster has not as yet been fully agreed upon, but in all probability it did not greatly exceed that of 1755. The property loss in the Portuguese city was probably in excess of that which took place in Messina, since Lisbon was much richer than was the Italian city.

Our Extravagance.

Dismissing England and the English from an American point of view, a recent American writer in England observes:

"Nobody, from the kind down, is either ashamed or afraid to be economical. In England a man or a woman is thought to be a fool or a vulgar who is not careful of expenditure, while in America our walters have been clever enough to make it appear that economy is mean, and as a nation we suffer accordingly. We are fools to be fooled in this manner."

The Naked Truth.

There is an ancient fable which tells us that on a summer afternoon Truth and Falshood set out to bathe together. They bathed in the cool, fresh water, and Falshood, emerging first, clothed herself in the garments of Truth and went her way. But Truth, unwilling to put on the garb of Falshood, departed naked. And to this day Falshood wears Truth's fair white robes, so that many persons mistake her for Truth's very self, but poor Truth still goes naked.

Found at Last.

"Why did you never marry, Tom?" inquired the young benedict of the old bachelor.

"Well, you see," replied the single one, "when I was quite young I resolved that I wouldn't marry until I found an ideal woman. I was difficult to please, but after many years I found her."

"Lucky beggar! And then?"

"She was looking for the ideal man," replied the bachelor sadly.—Pittsburgh Inquirer.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on 24th day of March, 1910, by Jacob F. Katz, W. J. Katz and Leon Katz, under the Act of Assembly approved April 29, 1874, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations" and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "KATZ BROTHERS, INCORPORATED," the character and object of which is "buying and selling merchandise, goods and wares of all kinds, at wholesale and retail and for these purposes to have, possess, and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and supplements thereto.

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